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the existence of nationalist armed bands in the Shkoder region or of any organized resistance group in Albania.

- 2. Informant estimates that 95 per cent of the population in the Shkoder ragion are anti-Communist. Informant added that he was not aware of the respective percentages in favor of Zog, Tito, or the Balli Kombetar, as the Albanian people were interested only in shaking off the Communist yoke.
- In Party meetings attended by both civilian and military members, the responsible "enlighteners" and commissars stated that during the coming month of May, there would be purges in the ranks of the Party. Reactionary and capitalist elements were to be removed. All pro-Koci Xoxe members would be expelled, as well as relatives of the "kulaks" whose property had been nationalized.
- 4. In June 1950, an 8-member armed band from Yugoslavia entered the region of Spalit near Mirdita and disarmed a platoon of soldiers who were sleeping in the woods. Informant was told this incident from the commissar of his Army company.
- On 6 June 1950, a 9-member armed band from Yugoslavia, equipped with British uniforms and weapons, appeared at Druja (G.33-61). After beating up the chairman of the People's Council and looting his house, they withdrew. The chairman reportedly was beaten because he pressed the young men of the area to join volunteer labor brigades. Subsequently the band encountered a police patrice two policemen were killed; the band suffered no casualties.

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